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Railway upgrades pending agreement on who will pay

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Safety upgrades may be on the way for a potentially dangerous railway crossing near Didsbury.

Town council discussed improving the safety of the crossing – located on Range Road 20 east of Didsbury – at its Jan. 27 meeting.

Currently, the crossing has just a pair of crossbuck signs identifying it as a railway crossing.

Canadian Pacific Railway indicated its support for installing a complete crossing warning system – including flashing light signals and masts, at the location, in a recent letter addressed jointly to both the town and Mountain View County.

"CP concurs with Transport Canada's recommendation that installation of a ... crossing warning system is a warranted safety improvement," wrote CP Rail public works manager Doug Younger.

Younger further indicated that once CP Rail receives a project cost-sharing commitment from either the town or the county (or both), the organization is willing to make a formal application to the federal Minister of Transport for an 80 per cent funding grant.

CP Rail estimated the total cost of the upgrades at about \$215,000, provided that the ground at the site is frost-free at the time of installation.

The responsibility for paying the other 20 per cent would fall upon either the town or the county.

However, the question of who should foot the bill for that remaining portion of the project has created some debate.

At present, the land on which the crossing is located is just beyond the Town of Didsbury's corporate limits and thus falls under the jurisdiction of Mountain View County.

However, the land in question will likely soon be annexed to the town.

This has created some confusion over who should bear the cost of the project.

Councillor Ernie Ryckman felt that both parties should share in the cost.

"It's just as much for the protection of [the county's] citizens as ours," he said.

Mayor Brian Wittal agreed, noting that changing ownership of the land through annexation does not have an impact on who uses the road.

"It's for everybody's safety," he said of the upgrades.

The \$5,700 estimated annual maintenance costs of the crossing would be shared 50-50 between CP Rail and whomever takes on the project.

Town council ultimately decided to arrange a meeting with the county to discuss the possibility of sharing the cost of the recommended improvements.

"Definitely it is a priority," said Wittal, noting that road is relatively well-travelled.

"We're waiting for the county to start the [funding negotiation] process ... I'd like to see something in place by summer or fall."



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SHOOTING STAR – Mataia Jelinek, 5, is on target with her shot on net during the lacrosse information night held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex last week.

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Youth smoking on the decline

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Review

Although health officials in west central Alberta are pleased with an overall reduction in smoking in the province in 2008, they say more still needs to be done to address youth smoking.

The province announced that overall tobacco use among all age groups was down six per cent in 2008. However, Alberta youth smoking rates remain well above the national average.

"Certainly the area of youth smoking is a concern for us," said Barb Olsen, director of health promotion and prevention with the David Thompson Health Region (DTHR).

"We are at about 20 per cent usage for teens in the 15 to 19 age group, compared to 15 per cent across Canada. Certainly that is an area we would like to see some more effort put into."

"We believe that part of the problem is that up to this point in time the economics were good in Alberta so people had more disposable income, particularly in that age group. Even if they were working part time they were making pretty good money, so they were able to afford tobacco products easier than others across Canada."

The province's new anti-smoking Tobacco Reduction Strategy, which includes a ban on smoking in bars, is being credited for the overall decline in usage.

"We certainly are happy with the drop in consumption for sure," said Olsen. "That's something that is part of the focus of the strategy. In order to meet the targets that the province wants to meet we need those kinds of actions in place, resulting in less consumption and less sales."

"We feel that it has had a positive impact, having effective legislation in place."

She noted that the Jan. 1, 2009 banning of tobacco

product sales in pharmacies, post-secondary campuses and in all health-care facilities is expected to lead to even further reductions in overall usage.

"That's the final phase of that particular legislation, so then it would be just the monitoring of the legislation itself to ensure that all of the pieces are being complied with," she said.

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David Thompson Health Region

in packages of at least 20 like cigarettes."

She said officials would also like to see changes to the cigarillos themselves.

"They (manufacturers) have flavoured them in all kinds of wonderful flavours as an attraction for youth. We would like to see the flavours banned and the packages changed."

It is illegal in Alberta for any person under the age of 18 to use or possess any tobacco product.

The Chinook's Edge School Division, which has schools across west central Alberta, bans tobacco use on all school property. However, students are permitted to leave school grounds during school hours to smoke on properties adjacent to schools.

Corinne Hansen, David Thompson Health Region's School Health Facilitator for Chinook's Edge, said teen smoking does appear to be on the rise in west central Alberta.

"Over the last two years we have seen a definite increase in smoking at our schools," Hansen said in a bulletin posted on the Chinook's Edge website. "Smoking is becoming a popular trend within some groups again. I blame the flavoured cigarillos for a lot of that, because they are popular in some movies and they don't taste bad."

The good thing is that several Chinook's Edge schools have BLAST teams that are working to prevent teens from lighting up."

The BLAST teams program (Building Leadership for Action in Schools Today) sees students organize activities that encourage their peers to remain non-smokers.

In Olds, Deer Meadow School has had a BLAST team for several years, as has Bowden Grandview School.

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In brief

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Pratt granted day parole extension

An area man convicted of second-degree murder in 1979 has been granted an extension of his day parole.

The National Parole Board recently decided that Allan Charles Pratt, 54, should have his current day parole continued for an additional six months.

"(His) risk for further violent offending is assessed as low," the NPB said in its report.

"While on day parole, Allan Pratt will continue to be supervised by the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) where a supervisor will be assigned to monitor his behaviour and activities as well as his compliance with the conditions of his release," wrote Regional Communications Officer Colleen Connelly in a letter to the Review.

The conditions of Pratt's parole include ongoing psychiatric treatment and counselling.

Local flower shop picked for show

The future may be looking a little rosier for one Didsbury business.

Victoria's Flowers and Gifts was selected to help provide flowers for the Bridal Fantasy Show in Calgary on Jan. 18. The show is a major event, with the Edmonton edition being the largest one-day bridal show in Western Canada.

"It was pretty phenomenal," says storeowner Gordon Fulton, who had purchased a booth at the show when he and a Calgary florist were approached by the organizers to provide all of the flowers to be held by the models.

Fulton wasn't paid for the service, but he says that it provided valuable exposure for his business.

The store was also the subject of a feature article in Bridal Fantasy magazine.

"It expands our horizons as far as customer base [and] it brings more people into Didsbury," he says. "It was almost like being an ambassador for the town in that sense."

The show also proved that his store was capable of providing a level of service on par with flower shops in the larger centres, adds Fulton.

"I've always sort of had the attitude that just because we're a small-town shop doesn't mean we have to have a small-town attitude or look. We can really compete with the big guys."

Didsbury receives FCSS funding

County council recently approved just over \$28,000 of its 2009 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) budget to Didsbury FCSS.

Various individual programs also received funding, with Didsbury and District Seniors Support Services, the Didsbury Preschool Society and Child and Youth Clubs of Didsbury, each getting about \$2,000.

In addition, Didsbury Out of School after-school care received approximately \$5,100.

"We receive that money to help with our costs throughout the year to provide programs and support to communities in both our urban areas as well as to the rural residents," explains Didsbury community services co-ordinator Nicole Aasen.

Didsbury Crime Watch to link with Olds

The Didsbury Rural Crime Watch Association has merged with Olds Rural Crime Watch.

The decision, which was made at the group's Jan. 13 general meeting, will see DRCW become an area within the zone covered by Olds.

The two organizations have already been working together for several years, so this latest move just increases the existing level of partnership.

Ultimately, the merger "is a win-win for everybody," said ORCW secretary-treasurer Judy Schlichenmayer, in part because it allows Didsbury access to the phone 'fan-out' system of the Olds association.

This automated phone, fax, e-mail system allows local RCMP detachments to broadcast information to Crime Watch members and inform them of individuals or vehicles that are believed to either be engaged in a crime or acting suspiciously.

For example, warnings can be quickly issued regarding missing persons or reports of individuals passing counterfeit money.

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'Report a vandal' signs helping to ward off property destruction

BY TIM DE NOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Property vandalism in Didsbury fell significantly last year, as reports of mischief dropped from 93 between April 1 and Dec. 31 of 2007 to 60 during that same time in 2008.

This decrease could be partially attributable to the signs around town that encourage residents to call the police station at 403-335-3381 if they see an act of vandalism being committed.

Other communities have taken notice of the sign initiative and are looking at doing something similar themselves, said Sgt. O'Dwyer in a presentation to town council Jan. 27.

"I think it's having a positive effect," remarked Mayor Brian Wittal. "Spray paint and graffiti in the last few months seem [to be] a non-existent thing. That's good to see too."

"If you see something happening, please call."

Sgt. O'Dwyer also stressed that many vehicle break-ins are "crimes of opportunity" and urged residents to lock their vehicle doors and keep valuables out of sight.

In addition, because most such crimes occur late at night or early in the morning, with no witnesses, they can be extremely difficult for police to solve without video surveillance.

"Sometimes we get lucky, sometimes we don't," Sgt. O'Dwyer said, remarking that the recent spray painting of a vehicle owned by the county "shows you how brazen some of these people are."

The total break-and-enters into Didsbury businesses, resi-

dences and other businesses dropped sharply, from 16 in 2007 to 11 in 2008.

"I'm happy to see that," said Sgt. O'Dwyer.

The total number of actual violations investigated by Didsbury RCMP last year was only slightly higher than the year before.

A total of 1,167 incidents were reported by police between April 1 and Dec. 31 of 2008, compared to 1,160 during the same period of 2007.

This is a relatively small difference, indicated in a presentation to town council on Jan. 27.

Some of the increase could be attributed to the town's growing population, said Sgt. O'Dwyer.

A key concern for the Didsbury detachment is staffing, said Sgt. O'Dwyer.

"We have a few [officers] coming in and a few going out...it's been challenging," he said, adding that although new officers are constantly being trained at the RCMP Academy in Regina, there is demand for their services throughout Canada.

"We are fighting for the same recruits as everyone else in the country is."

Another challenge for police staff is coping with an increasing number of criminal record check requests, which jumped from 537 in 2007 to 721 in 2008.

"This is a huge burden on my staff," said Sgt. O'Dwyer, noting that the checks now take at least one week to process.

Employers should not depend on criminal record checks as a substitute for the hiring process, he added.



Tim DenOudsten/Didsbury Review

REMINDER – The decrease in vandalism in Didsbury in 2008 from the previous year may be due in part to signs like this one on 20th Ave.

No census planned for 2009

There's no need to conduct a municipal census this year, town council decided at its Jan. 27 meeting.

Councillor Ernie Ryckman remarked that Didsbury has experienced "limited growth" since the last census of the town was conducted in 2008. At that time, the town was found to have a population of 4,599.

"I don't think [a new census] should be done," said Ryckman, noting that any data collected now would not include current county residents who may become part of the town through land annexation.

"I would rather see it done in 2010, then ... every two years," he added.

The last federal census, conducted in 2006, pegged the town's population at 4,275.

Council briefs

BY TIM DE NOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Town annexation update

The Town of Didsbury is currently awaiting a final decision from the Municipal Government Board regarding the proposed land to be annexed from Mountain View County.

According to a report presented to town council Jan. 27, the additional land is being acquired to "meet contin-

uing demand for land and to accommodate an increasing population."

The annexation would nearly double Didsbury's current land area.

Councillor Rick Mousseau asked about potential changes to farm addresses as a result of the annexation.

CAO Roy Brown replied that the county has begun looking at potential new street names, but that the current rural addresses will be maintained for now.

Animal licensing was another aspect of the annexation process discussed by council.

"I would rather see (cat owners) either not have to license them or get a free licence," said Councillor Ernie Ryckman. "I think it's unreasonable for someone with a barn full of cats to license them."

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Opinion

Commentary Tough year ahead for non-profits

DR. ROGER GIBBINS



To this point, public discussions of the economic meltdown have focused largely on how to fix a broken financial system and stimulate a business environment sliding into recession. However, there is another consequence of the meltdown that may strike closer to home as it will hit basic social services, recreational activities, and arts and cultural programs, all of which are delivered in large part by 161,000 charitable and non-profit organizations across the country.

Some parts of this sector, including universities, colleges and hospitals, can speak effectively on their own behalf. However, there are thousands upon thousands of smaller organizations which deliver critically important social, cultural and recreational services, and which are in a very precarious state as we move through 2009.

Many of these organizations rely on charitable donations from individuals and corporations, and these are beginning to fall precipitously as the general economy worsens. For most of us, charitable donations are discretionary spending, and discretionary spending tends to get cut as economic insecurity grows and belts are tightened.

Charities fortunate enough to have endowment funds have seen their investments and thus their revenues slashed, just as seniors have seen their RRSPs and incomes eroded. Charities without endowments often receive an important proportion of their funding from philanthropic organizations such as the Calgary, Vancouver and Winnipeg Foundations, all of whom are facing shrinkage in their own endowments, leaving them with less capacity to help other organizations.

All of this gets even worse when we realize that most charities operate without significant financial reserves, government grants are precarious at best, and demand for their services is likely to grow when economic times get tough. Although not all charities and non-profits serve vulnerable populations such as low-income Canadians, the newly unemployed, new immigrants, and seniors on fixed incomes, those who do serve such populations will soon be asked to do more with less.

This impending crisis was brought into focus for me by a recent Imagine Canada round table in Toronto. Imagine Canada is the peak organization representing Canada's charitable and non-profit sector, and the purpose of the



gathering was to address how the federal government's upcoming stimulus package might help the sector. Unfortunately, good answers were tough to find.

Part of the problem is that the sector is both huge and terribly diverse, ranging from tiny recreational associations to employment services, counselling programs and immigrant settlement agencies to complex, multifaceted organizations like the United Ways, YMCAs and Salvation Army. It is much easier to create channels of support for a handful of big firms, such as the automakers, than it is to 160,000 very diverse non-profit organizations. Nonetheless, all face a common challenge in finding a way to sustain charitable giving as the economy goes pear-shaped.

One way to keep the taps open is to provide greater tax support for charitable giving, and thereby to complement private charity with public charity. We do this already with charitable tax receipts, but we could do more. Hopefully this will be part of the federal government's stimulus package, although even a dramatic increase in tax credits for charitable donations may have little impact on individuals who are deeply concerned about their own financial wellbeing.

A second strategy is to use some of the stimulus package to increase direct government support for charities, and particularly for those delivering social services to

highly vulnerable Canadians. This strategy would not reach very far into the thousands and thousands of small charities, but its effect on the big players and the hundreds of thousands of Canadians they serve would be significant.

A third strategy is to direct some of the inevitable increase in infrastructure funding to the charitable sector, thereby strengthening the capacity of organizations. Given that charities generally work with limited capital support, the impact could again be significant.

At the same time, no single strategy will be sufficient, and even investments across all three will not prevent what will be a very tough year for the charitable sector.

In closing I should note a personal interest in all of this, as the Canada West Foundation itself is a charitable organization navigating very troubled financial seas. However, we are but a very small player in a vast network of charities that enrich the lives of all Canadians in so many ways, and it is this vast and complex network that is at risk. I can only hope that its vulnerability is recognized as Finance Minister Flaherty adds the final touches to his stimulus package. If the charitable sector is ignored, Canadians have a lot to lose.

Roger Gibbins is president and CEO of the Canada West Foundation, a public policy research group based in Calgary.

Harper's recent senate shuffle inappropriate

DAN SINGLETON



Prime Minister Harper's decision to go ahead with the appointment of 18 new senators in the face of a national economic crisis the government itself says is bad and may get worse raises a lot more questions than it answers.

Like their other unelected senate colleagues, each new senator will be paid \$135,000 a year until retirement at age 75.

That means Canadians are on the hook for millions more dollars to keep even more senators on a job that nobody wants them to do.

At a time when jobs are being lost across the country, Canadians everywhere must be wondering what in the world the prime minister is thinking.

There are now 59 Liberals, 38 Conservatives, five independents and three Progressive Conservatives in

the upper chamber – each member unelected and appointed by the prime minister of the ruling party.

The NDP, which doesn't have a single senator, says the latest appointments create serious doubts about the trustworthiness of the prime minister.

"Throughout his political career, Stephen Harper railed against the senate as an undemocratic institution and promised never to appoint unelected senators. Today 18 unelected senators were handed a lifetime of lavish budgets with no accountability," said NDP leader Jack Layton.

"The prime minister has proven that he can change his mind on a dime. He flipped on fixed election dates, he flopped on not leaking budgets, and he's given his Conservative friends the country's biggest patronage appointments."

While in opposition Stephen Harper, and many of his fellow Conservative MPs, pushed for drastic senate reform, calling the upper chamber little more than a place where political cronies are rewarded with a front-

row seat at the public trough.

But now that he's got the power to institute dramatic, much-needed reforms to the senate, what does the prime minister do? He fills vacant seats with his friends.

In last week's throne speech, the Harper government said it was committed to being guided by the wishes of Canadians when it comes to meeting the challenges of the recession.

"Canadians face a difficult year, perhaps several difficult years," said Governor General Michelle Jean. "In the face of such uncertainty, our government has developed a clear and focused plan."

"What will sustain us today will be the same strengths of character that have pulled Canada through critical times before: unity, determination and constancy of purpose."

Is it any surprise that Canadians everywhere are questioning Mr. Harper's "constancy of purpose" in light of these latest politically motivated and very costly senate appointments?

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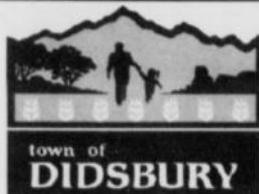
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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday February 4, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

BUDGET REVIEW:

Monday February 23, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Council Chambers

DIDSBUY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday March 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

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Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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NEW WATER RATES REMINDER

The new water rates became effective January 1, 2009. This new rate will be calculated on your January consumption and will appear on your January billing, which you will receive in early February.

Amendment to the Town of Didsbury Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12

The Town of Didsbury annually reviews and approves all rates and fees, which are revenues to support planned services and programs.

For 2009, the approved Municipal Operating budget is based on revenues assumptions supported by the Amended Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12. This Bylaw is currently under review by Council and will be presented for approval at February 17, 2009 Regular Council meeting.

After review and approval by Council, all amended rates and fees will become effective February 17, 2009 with the exception of some Recreation fee changes which will be amended in July 2009.

If you wish to view the current recommendations of the Amended Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12, please visit the Town of Didsbury Website www.didsbury.ca or stop by the Town of Didsbury Administration Office.

TOWN OF DIDSBUY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Acting Community Services Coordinator

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Through community programming, special events and several avenues of communication, the Acting Community Services Coordinator will provide Didsbury residents with a variety of opportunities to participate in their community. This one-year term, based out of Didsbury Neighborhood Place, will see the successful candidate working at a grass-roots level to engage Didsbury residents. This position will also be responsible for the quarterly development of the Didsbury Community Living Guide and will act as the Town of Didsbury website webmaster.

Qualifications:

- A post-secondary diploma in a related field, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Superior working knowledge of computers. Experience in Corel Draw, Adobe Pagemaker and website design an asset.
- Previous experience in community-based programming.
- Exemplary organizational, communication and administrative skills.
- Enthusiastic, creative, energetic, outgoing, dependable personality.
- Criminal Record Check/ Child Welfare Check

Application deadline: February 6, 2009

Please apply with resume to:

Nicole Aasen, Manager of Community Services
Box 790, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0
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Bylaw Corner - Injurious Occupation

Over the past year, Council has passed several new bylaws for combating vandalism and specific nuisances within the Town. These include Injurious Occupation, Prohibition of Fireworks and the Discharge of Projectile Devices bylaws. Over the next few editions of Bylaw Corner I will discuss these bylaws and what they mean to you.

First up is the Injurious Occupation bylaw. "Injurious Occupation" means any activity which in the opinion of a Peace Officer, having regard for all the circumstances including the time of the day and nature of the activity, is likely to reasonably cause disturbance, injury or annoyance to persons or property. This definition may sound broad to you and is intentionally so. This bylaw offers us the ability to deal with bad behavior summarily with a bylaw ticket instead of involving the criminal courts which would rather not get involved in minor instances. An example of where this may be used is if a person or group of people were going around at night setting off car alarms. This is an offence that would otherwise be dealt with through the criminal courts but the police may be unwilling to pursue charges based on the severity of the incident and the fact that it may result in a criminal record for people that just made a poor decision. The police and myself now have the option of dealing with this offence with a stiff bylaw ticket rather than criminal proceedings or worse, nothing at all. The penalties start at \$216.00 for first offence and increase to \$540.00 for 2nd offence and \$1080.00 for subsequent offences. This bylaw will not be used when criminal charges are appropriate. You can find most of Didsbury's bylaws online at www.didsbury.ca.

Peace Officer D. Sutherland

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Didsbury Community Services Department is looking for an adult/ teenage FACILITATOR to run a very popular Town of Didsbury program.

Sports for Shorts – This program runs six consecutive Monday evenings from 6-7 pm in the Didsbury Multi-Purpose Room. This is a basic introduction to organized sports and games for children aged 3-5 years old. The successful candidate will be responsible, enthusiastic and love spending time with children.

Please apply to:

Nicole Aasen, Manager of Community Services
Box 790, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0
Email: naasen@didsbury.ca
Phone: (403) 335-8719
Fax (403) 335-9794

Application deadline: February 13, 2009

From rags to warmth: a stitch in time

BY MARK LAYCOCK
For the Review

Doris Sundberg has one piece of advice for living well into your 90s: get a hobby, plain and simple.

Doris, 97, lives by her advice by spending an hour or more almost every day making quilts. She can't say for certain how many hours total she has spent on the craft, but her closet, full of quilts and spare materials, is a good indication she has spent more than most people ever will.

From small quilts for infants all the way to enormous bed covers, Doris has sewed them all—each one distinctively different than the last.

While admittedly bashful about her work, Doris has in the past, shown off her work at regional and local competitions—even garnering her three provincial titles.

The now mother of two, grandmother to three and great-grandmother to five developed a passion for the craft when she was 18 out of a simple necessity: the need for clothes.

"I had always sewn my own clothes from the time I was a young woman and fabrics (and colour) seemed to be one of the things that were interesting to me as I got older."

Doris says she taught herself to make quilts, something that did take time for her to be proficient at, commenting that it wasn't until she was in her 30s that she undertook the activity as a regular part of her life.

In fact, several years before, it all began with a couple of used flour sacks. "A lot of the quilts I started out with were scraps and one of the first quilts I

"I've been asked to sell for people who want to buy them, but once you start selling your craft it's no longer a hobby."

DORIS SUNDBERG
quilter

ly members.

Doris admits she was never very fond of the selling of her work, opting instead to pass them along to friends and family as a gesture of kindness. She explains it's hard to sell them because they become quite personal due to the sheer number of hours put into their creation.

"I've been asked to sell for people who want to buy them, but once you start selling your craft it's no longer a hobby, so I just never sold them except baby quilts."

Doris was born and raised in Morin,

made was made out of flour sacks that we got," says Doris.

From there it expanded into finding every spare rag around the house. Once she compiled enough material it was time to plan a design.

"When you start making a quilt... the first step is to find enough fabrics to make the top and the back and then you accumulate the filling... then you start planning the patterns, and then out of the scraps you've got, you try to accomplish something."

And accomplish something she has, with a trunk and several closets full of quilts of all sizes, each engraved with its own unique colour contrast, meticulous artwork and the timeless hand only craftsmanship that will last generations.

In the past, Doris has even taken her craft to the classroom, offering quilting classes out of her home. For several years she hosted two to three hour classes for a total of 10 lessons to eager women.

Over the years she has sold a number of infant-sized quilts while giving away the rest to various clubs, charities and fami-



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

Quilter Doris Sundberg, 97, shows one of the quilts she has recently finished.

located just north of Drumheller. In 1972 she and her late husband built their existing home in Carstairs in order to move closer to family in Calgary.

Since then she has taken it upon herself to serve the community, not only with the donation of her quilts to various causes, but also as an avid supporter of the IODE for the past 25 years. To this day she still donates a few hours of her time at the store.

Her time with the IODE has inspired her to make a quilt that will be raffled off at the IODE's provincial chapter meeting being held in Jasper in April 2009. The organization asked Doris to create a quilt after seeing her work at local meetings.

She admits that after all these years it can prove a daunting task to craft large quilts, but by no means does it mean she's giving up any time soon.

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Which is not an official
symbol of Alberta?

Caution urged when recreating on ponds, creeks

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Review

While activities on and around area lakes, creeks, ponds and dugouts will provide many hours of family fun and recreation for residents this winter, it is vitally important to be aware of the potentially deadly hazards associated with ice-related accidents, say local emergency officials.

And since knowing what to do if an accident does occur can quite literally mean the difference between safety or dying from hypothermia or drowning, everyone should educate themselves about how to react, says Larry Gratton, operations manager with Mountain View Regional Emergency Services.

"Getting wet is about the worst thing that can happen to you in the wintertime, so extreme caution is the order of the day when participating in activities on ice," said Gratton.

"The thing I would stress the most if anyone is part of a party that experiences such an accident don't add to the victim count by rushing out onto dangerous ice after the first victim."

"Call for help immediately and don't attempt a rescue yourself unless you can do it reasonably safely. That means using something like a ladder, toboggan, plywood, or some such material to distribute your weight over a greater surface area of the thin ice. A boat would be best."

Bringing immediate emergency medical aid to someone who has fallen into icy water is a must, he says.

"First aid for someone who is rescued from icy water is primarily to stop the heat loss and to warm them up. Get them dry and reinsulated but don't burn them and don't give anything by mouth to someone who is not fully conscious."

"If the victim has in fact drowned, begin CPR, even if it's been up to 90 minutes since they went under. Due to the mammalian dive reflex being weakly present in humans (and less weakly in children) there is an increased chance of surviving cold water drowning compared to other causes of cardiac arrest."



File photo by Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

ICE TIMES - While skating and playing on outdoor ice is fun, officials warn caution must be used.

"If EMS is involved in time we would rush the patient, probably directly to the Foothills or Children's hospitals where heart-lung bypass machines could be used to re-warm a patient while dealing with their cardiac arrest."

Sundre fire chief John Whitesell says rivers are particularly dangerous at this time of year.

"The thing that scares me at this time of year is people going either cross-country skiing or hiking or snowmobiling across the rivers," said Whitesell. "Even through it may look like solid ice, it could be very thin because of the moving water underneath. The river is always an issue."

"Snowmobiles can sometimes get away with it, they are going fast enough at the time, but that's not safe, and they could fall through and at that point they are in big trouble. It is very cold and if you are swept under the ice, your chances of survival are very, very low."

As for ponds and lakes, he says, "People need to be checking the ice thickness whenever they go out on it."

It's also important to remember that ice is unpredictable and often melts and freezes at varying rates.

For example, ice formed on moving water such as rivers and creeks varies greatly in thickness. If there is any doubt about ice thickness, avoid walking on any ice that is on or near moving water.

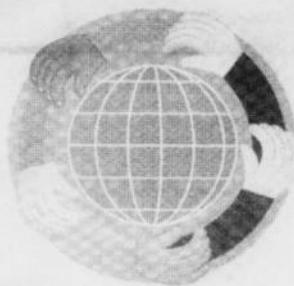
As well, in spring weather, thick ice is not necessarily safe. During the spring melt, lines of impurities in the ice melt very quickly, creating weak spots.

In the event that you are walking, skiing, snowmobiling or otherwise travelling on an ice-covered body of water and it begins to crack, officials recommend immediately laying down on the ice and crawling or rolling back to the nearest shoreline.

If you should fall into the water, self-rescue steps including floating on your stomach facing the shore, slowly reaching forward onto the ice - do not push down on it, kicking your legs to slowly push your torso onto the ice, crawling or rolling away from the hole, and getting medical help immediately.

If you can't climb onto the ice, float in the water and call for help loudly and clearly.

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Jan. 23

11:40 a.m. - Police received a call from a woman who had been parking her vehicle when her foot slipped off the brake and onto the accelerator, ultimately resulting in minor damage to the vehicle.

2:40 p.m. - Police received a report of a vehicle collision on a county township road and determined that the vehicle had become stuck in a rut, left the road and hit a post.

3:05 p.m. - A single vehicle accident on a Mountain View County road was reported to police. The driver of the vehicle had swerved to avoid a coyote, and, because the gravel road was icy, the vehicle went into the ditch.

6 p.m. - Police responded to a false alarm at a Carstairs business. An employee had been locked inside the building and did not know the code to disarm the alarm.

Jan. 24

2:53 a.m. - Police received a call of a break and enter at a Didsbury residence. A Nintendo Wii, a Playstation video game system and several video games were reported stolen.

4:45 a.m. - Police received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the ditch along a county range road. The caller believed the occupants of the vehicle to be intoxicated. However, police investigated and determined that there was no alcohol involved and that the vehicle had swerved to avoid hitting a deer.

7:36 a.m. - A Carstairs resident reported hearing what sounded like an alarm ringing, but couldn't tell where it was coming from. Police investigated but were unable to determine what the sound might have been.

10 a.m. - A semi-trailer was reported to be driving erratically on the QEII before stopping at a roadside turnout. Police found that the driver of the truck had spilled coffee on himself.

4:55 p.m. - A complaint was received of a possibly intoxicated pickup truck driver swerving in the lanes on Hwy. 581. Police forwarded the report to Beiseker RCMP.

6:37 p.m. - Police received a complaint from a concerned Didsbury parent that an area store had sold an M-rated game to a youth. The store's manager was contacted.

7 p.m. - A pickup truck was reported to be driving aggressively on the QEII, flashing its high beams, swerving and tailgating the complainant.

Jan. 25

2 a.m. - Police attended the scene of a reported fight outside of a Carstairs bar. One individual was arrested.

2:30 p.m. - Police received a complaint of fuel having been stolen from a Didsbury pickup truck.

Police briefs

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

DIDSBUY REVIEW**Jan. 26**

4 a.m. - A vehicle was reported to be driving erratically northbound on the QEII, almost sideswiping the vehicle of the complainant, who believed the driver to be intoxicated. The report was forwarded to RCMP in Olds and Innisfail.

3 p.m. - Police responded to a call of an extremely intoxicated man walking along a street in Didsbury. The man was taken into custody for his own safety.

Jan. 27

12 a.m. - A complaint was received of a Didsbury youth who had left her house to visit her boyfriend and refused to return home. Police picked up the girl and brought her home.

9:56 a.m. - A CP Rail employee reported that two live dogs had been tied to the train tracks near Range Road 20 outside of Didsbury. Police investigated and found that the dogs had not been tied, but that their leashes had become entangled in the tracks. The dogs were freed.

11:30 a.m. - Police investigated a report of two males in a pickup truck swerving and driving erratically on Hwy. 2A and found them not to be intoxicated.

10 p.m. - A Carstairs resident reported hearing what sounded like a crowbar dropping and that the driver's side window of his vehicle had been smashed. Police say that the culprit appears to have been a relative of the victim.

Jan. 28

7:20 a.m. - Police received a complaint that an unlocked vehicle in Cremona had been entered and a wallet stolen.

10:14 a.m. - Police received a complaint that an unlocked vehicle in Cremona had been entered and some change stolen.

1 p.m. - A Mountain View County female was reported missing. Police located the girl - who had planned to run away to the United States to visit her boyfriend - and returned her home.

3 p.m. - Police received a complaint that a vehicle in Cremona had been entered and a GPS unit stolen. No signs of forced entry were evident.

Jan. 29

7 a.m. - Two vehicles in Carstairs were reportedly vandalized with spray paint.

9:30 a.m. - Police received a report that a vehicle had struck a deer on Hwy. 22.

1 p.m. - A tractor-trailer carrying a load of bales was moving through an intersection on Hwy. 581 when its load shifted. The trailer overturned onto its side and police received a report that it was blocking the intersection.

Third time in court for Calgary cop

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

A Calgary police officer convicted in April 2007 of failing to provide a breath sample after colliding with a tractor trailer on the QEII near Didsbury now faces new charges and possible jail time.

Det. Travis Dunkle, 42, was off-duty when police stopped him during a routine roadside check stop in Calgary on Jan. 17. A Breathalyzer test revealed Dunkle's blood-alcohol level to be over the legal limit.

He has since been charged with impaired driving and driving with a blood-alcohol level exceeding 80 mg per cent.

This is the third time that Dunkle has been before the courts, as he was also charged in Aug. 2007 with using false pretence to obtain a taxi ride in Sylvan Lake. The Crown later withdrew this charge.

Under current Calgary Police Service policy, anyone who has been incarcerated is disqualified from serving on the force, which means that, if he is convicted and sentenced to jail, Dunkle will lose his job.



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In and Around**Didsbury**

Marge St Clair

This week will be very busy with the Stick Curling Bonspiel, two Mountain View Colts hockey games and the Men's Open Bonspiel.

Just a note: The pictures and write-up of the Farm and Ranch Spiel are for 2009, not 2008 as in the headline, a computer gaffe. Diane says, "sorry, everyone".

Tuesday, Feb. 3

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. in the Unit #4 meeting room, lower floor. MLA Richard Marz has been invited to speak on health matters. All are welcome.

Feb. 3-6

The Didsbury Annual Stick Bonspiel is being held at the Didsbury Curling Club.

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To curl on Wednesday call Lyle (403)335-3017

To curl on Thursday call Grant (403)335-2387

To curl on Friday call Bob (403)335-3840

Thursday, Feb. 5

The doors at Eldon Foote Hall (train station) will open at 1:30 p.m. Special guest today is Jeanette Oke, noted author. Come one, come all. Refreshments will be served.

Feb. 6-8

The Didsbury Men's Open Bonspiel is being held at the curling rink. For more info or to register, call the curling club (403)335-3661, Garth Gosselin (403)335-8064, or Al Crawford (403)335-8608.

Saturday, Feb. 7

The Town of Didsbury is offering a Red Cross Babysitting Course for ages 11-plus years from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please phone Didsbury Neighborhood Place at (403) 335-8719 for more information or to register; there is a charge.

The Mountain View Colts are hosting the Stettler Lightning in the Didsbury Arena at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8

The schedule comes to a close today at 3 p.m. with the Rimbev Rock on the ice against the Colts. Your support and cheers will be duly appreciated.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

The potluck dinner at the 5-0 Club will start at 12:30 p.m. Put together your favourite meat dish, veggies, salad or dessert and enjoy!

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Saturday, Feb. 14

Theatre Didsbury's new comedy "First Things First" will be on stage at the Westcott Hall at 8 p.m. Phone Stuart Klinck at (403)335-4069 to reserve your tickets. You will have lots of laughs. Lunch will be served.

Treat your Valentine to a night of fun and fine food! This is the Valentine's Day steak and lobster dinner upstairs at the Didsbury Curling Club. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets to be purchased in advance from members at the curling club (403)335-3661 or Amanda (403)335-8064. No tickets at the door.

In brief

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

27 per cent waste reduction

Didsbury residents appear to have really ramped up their recycling efforts in 2008.

According to waste commission statistics, Didsburians generated 199 kilograms of waste per capita last year, an improvement of nearly 27 per cent over the 252 kilograms per capita that went to landfills in 2007.

"Congratulations," Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission (MVRWMC) CAO Neil Kivell told town council in a presentation Jan. 27. "They're good numbers."

The total was second among county communities only to Sundre, which generated 153 kilograms per capita of waste and recycled 32 per cent of all waste produced, compared to 24 per cent for Didsbury.

"I'm very pleased with that," said Kivell, but added that he'd like to see that percentage go up to 75 or 80 per cent of total waste.

"We've got a ways to go," he said.

Mayor Brian Wittal applauded his town's efforts.

"The residents of Didsbury have really taken recycling to heart," he said, noting that several years ago Didsbury generated the most waste per capita in the county.

Crackdown on C&D waste disposal proposed

In addition, construction and demolition (C&D) companies looking to do projects in Didsbury may eventually need to include with their business licence applications a plan for recycling the waste materials they generate.

Making sure that companies dispose of such waste properly was one issue addressed by waste commission CAO Neil Kivell as part of a proposed county-wide plan aimed at improving the recycling rates and reducing the amount of materials that end up in the landfill.

"If you want a business licence, we expect you to recycle," Kivell said. "It's pretty easy."

Councillors were receptive to the idea.

"I like the sound of that," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

CAO Roy Brown asked what the timeline would be to implement such an initiative.

A larger landfill site would first be needed to properly process and recycle C&D waste, indicated Kivell. That work could be completed by the end of June.

"We [wouldn't] be up and running until late summer or



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CONTAINED - Overloaded black bins are becoming more and more rare in Didsbury.

early fall," he said, adding that the proposal to tie recycling to business licences has already been presented to Carstairs and Mountain County and received a "very positive reaction" from both councils.

"The policy that we're proposing talks about mandatory recycling," said Kivell, who hopes to have a policy created by mid-year and implemented by early 2010.

"We want to do that simply because it's the environmentally right thing to do," he said.

Plasco project participation rejected

The MVRWMC has turned down a proposal to provide waste material for a new processing facility in Red Deer that will transform waste into energy.

"They did make an offer, we didn't like it," said commission CAO Neil Kivell.

For the commission to get involved, it would have to sign a 20-year contract and agree to several other terms which it was not prepared to accept, indicated Kivell.

The new facility, which will be built in Red Deer by the

Plasco Energy Group, gasifies waste using a plasma arc system, which breaks down materials using intense heat and converts them into fuel.

Deposit coming for milk jugs

The Alberta government has announced that, as of June 1, 2009, all plastic milk jugs will be assessed a refundable deposit of 10 cents for containers one litre and under, and 25 cents for containers greater than one litre.

This means that county residents will be able to begin returning milk containers to the bottle depot along with their bottles and cans.

Waste commission CAO Neil Kivell noted that will result in a reduction of the revenue now being collected by the waste commission on the sale of plastic from recycled milk jugs.

However, Kivell indicated that this shift might not have a significant effect, at least initially.

"It remains to be seen how much [the deposit] will impact us, because people are creatures of habit," he said.

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Busing a CESD challenge**IAN TAYLOR**

The task of transporting thousands of students safely and reliably every day from their homes to school is an interesting challenge. School boards across the province are finding their resources increasingly stretched and their ingenuity tested as they seek to find ways to maintain this service at a level parents expect.

This is such a provincewide issue that our collective body, The Alberta School Boards' Association, has made it one of its three advocacy priorities for 2007-2010 and has published a report titled, "At the breaking point: Alberta's student transportation system".

Before I go any further I should stress that as a division we are much better off regarding our student transportation system than some jurisdictions. We own approximately two-thirds of our buses and have our own maintenance garage. The remaining routes, in the northern part of our division, are run by private contractors. It's a balance that has served us well. Nevertheless we find common ground with the report's main conclusions.

Let me briefly outline the five things they identify as the "system pressure points". The first is driver recruitment and retention. It's more of a problem in the cities, especially when the economy is booming, but it also affects our rural areas. For years local farmers filled these important positions. It was a good fit with agriculture. But with the trend for more of their adult children to leave farming, that source of recruitment is drying up. We are finding some new drivers among younger retirees who have moved to acreages from the city and from among young mothers, who are allowed to take their children on the ride. Despite that it will be a challenge as more of our senior drivers retire.

The walk limit standard of 2.4 kilometres (1.5 miles) is the second pressure point. This benchmark for transportation funding has been around for as long as anyone can remember. What it means is that the government will not provide funding for transporting students who live closer than 1.5 miles to their schools. A number of factors have been at work to have this distance reduced to one mile.

It is considered too far for elementary students, especially on the coldest days and especially when many of them are carrying a heavy backpack. Parents now are much more concerned about the danger of their children being accosted by strangers on the way to and from school and would rather drive their children than risk them walking. This however creates another safety (and

pollution) issue as parents' vehicles mill about school in all directions at the busiest times. As our towns expand there are places on the outskirts where students may have to walk a considerable distance along a busy road that might not have a sidewalk.

The third pressure point is the advent of school choice for parents. This again has been more evident in the cities where a whole range of schools have arisen to cater to parents' preferences: language immersion, gifted and talented, girls only, science centres, or sports centres, are just a few of the special programs that result in students being bused from one end of the city to the other.

One of the choices that has lately emerged in our division is between Catholic (Red Deer Separate) and public schools. Each system is responsible for its own busing but since choice involves competition for "customers" there is an inevitable appeal to parents by offering closer pickup points for their children in larger centres like Sylvan Lake. These closer distances (see the 2.4 km issue) will not be funded by government, and so the choice may become to run at a loss and retain your school population or to abandon those routes and risk losing children to the other system.

The last two concerns revolve around the funding structure and the issue of transportation fees. The first is so complex that it would take more space than this column just to introduce it. (For example, in rural areas like ours, elementary students are funded on the basis of three to a seat, but Grades 7 to 12 students are considered as being a 1.5 space, so earning two to a seat, however, in the cities junior-senior high students have no such concession).

City boards routinely charge transportation fees and there are now some rural jurisdictions so stretched over their transportation funding that they have resorted to charging fees to keep the service going. We have not had to do this yet and I hope we never will for the genuine rural ride students.

After having identified the "pressure points" in school transportation, the Alberta School Boards Assoc. is now collecting a list of what they call "promising practices" from boards. They are ideas on how to do things differently with the same resources or even how to do more with less. Now, where have I heard that before?

What no board wants to do is subsidize its transportation system out of money meant for classroom instruction.

Ian Taylor is the Didsbury area trustee with the Chinook's Edge School Division board. The opinions expressed in these articles are his own, not necessarily those of the board. If you wish to contact him about educational matters you may do so by phone at 403-335-8575 or via e-mail at nanatee@telusplanet.net.

Didsbury Seniors Bonspiel a success

Didsbury Seniors Bonspiel held at the Didsbury Curling Rink from January 12-16 was a great success.

The Tuesday banquet was preceded by a warm welcome from the Town of Didsbury by councillor Gayle Veno (Mayor Wittal was in Edmonton). Grace was said by Dave Neufeld and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tasty meal, thanks to the kitchen staff and helpers.

Friday afternoon brought these results:

A Event

1. Clarence Martin - Torrington with Dan Martin, Allan Weimer, Dave Watley
2. Ken Weseen - Olds, with Gene Hauck, Joanne Pederson, Carroll Weseen
3. Jim Richardson - Bowden
4. Al Graham - Olds

B Event

1. Mars Smith - Olds
2. Dale Holmes - Olds

3. Jerry Sacher - Cochrane

4. Gord Empey - Olds

Sorry, no names here, everyone was gone before I had a chance to talk with them.

C Event

1. Dave Melnichuk - Didsbury with Herb LaChance, Fred Connors, Arleen Herrick

2. Bob Brown - Olds with Larry Mueller, Ray Hehr and Ralph Krause

3. Al Molnar - Carstairs

4. Delbert Taylor - Carstairs

D Event

1. Raymond Miller - Olds with Jim Thomson, Yvonne Miller and Jean Owens

2. Aksel Pederson - Olds with Dave Tate, Henny Pederson and Gerry Tate

3. Eugene Brown - Carstairs

4. Norma Clark - Carstairs

- Submitted

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Community News

Didsbury Royal Purple #317 update

Wednesday, Dec. 10 was our Christmas meeting with visitors: S.H.R.L. Brenda Johnston and Ladies from Sundre; District Deputy Linda Rush and Ladies from Crossfield; and H.R.L. Marjorie Dowel from Calgary. H.R.L. Karen Smith was presented her 40-year pin by S.H.R.L. Johnston.

On Monday morning, Dec. 15 a work bee was held at the Elks Hall to count inventory. After lunch, 37 basket hampers were made up to be donated to CAWES at Red Deer. These were delivered along with Christmas gifts that had been collected for the children.

On Friday, Dec. 19, Sunshine Committee P.H.R. L. Mary Spragg and P.H.R.L. Helen Newton delivered Christmas oranges to the Kinsmen Manors and Aspen Ridge Lodge.

Donations have been made to: Carstairs Legion Poppy Fund; Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children; Didsbury Minor Hockey Association; ISTAR Calgary; Alberta Elks Foundation Tabs for Tots; and CAWES.

Get well wishes to Margaret Malloch, Bob Hurst and Jim Wadel.

Sympathy to Provincial President Kelly Larson in the passing of her grandmother, Cecile; also to P.H.R.L. Kay Rylance in the loss of her husband, Jim.

The Team Meeting was held on Saturday, Jan 10 at Crossfield. Three Ladies attended and were given a schedule of events for the coming months.

Crossfield Lodge hosted a potluck supper on Monday, Jan. 12, when S.H. R.L. Johnston made her official visit. Seven Didsbury Ladies attended and helped with the drill work.



Photo submitted

The Rosebud Health Foundation purchased a wheelchair washer with donor dollars recently. Clem Kuelker makes the presentation to Shannon Hunter, rehabilitation assistant at Didsbury District Health Services.

On Thursday, Jan. 15 A.R.L. Irene Collinge chaired the meeting in the absence of H.R.L. Smith. Initiation is planned for our special meeting for Membership Night on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. P.H.R.L.'s Night will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11. We have been invited to Calgary Lodge # 7 for their meeting on Monday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. They will be having a silent auction.

- Submitted by Irene Dickau and Kay Rylance

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Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Pastor: Elwin Garland

For more information ph. - 335-4451

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Claude Baril - 335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Wendy Mackenzie 335-8507

Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14th Street Didsbury
SUNDAY CELEBRATION - 10 a.m.
Prophetic Worship and Bible Teaching for all ages
• Nursery Services •
Ph/Fax - 335-3551 • Email - cwcc@airent.com
Pastoral Team Richard & Beth Kope
SEE YOU AT THE CENTRE!

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor
John Reimer, Associate Pastor
(Life Groups & Worship)
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor
(Global Connections & Youth)
Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries
Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries
Sunday Services
Sunday School for all ages 9:30am
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
with Children's Programs for up to Grade 6

SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

February is heart month

This February, over 15,000 volunteers across Alberta will be knocking on their neighbours' doors asking for donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, N.W.T. & Nunavut, as well as creating awareness about cardiovascular health.

Two-thirds of the volunteers canvassing for the foundation have a deep connection to the foundation's mission. Many have lost a loved one to cardiovascular disease, or have witnessed a family member debilitated by heart disease or stroke.

Albertans' generous contributions during February is Heart Month will provide critical funding to life-saving research – including new therapies and technologies – as well as health education and public health advocacy.

Together, heart disease and stroke are still the leading cause of death in Canada. In fact, every seven minutes, a Canadian dies of a cardiovascular event. Every seven minutes, a family is thrown into crisis.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, N.W.T. & Nunavut, a volunteer-based charity, leads in eliminating heart disease and stroke and reducing their impact through the advancement of research and its applications, the promotion of healthy living and advocacy.

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Over 1600 sq.ft. total of 4 bedrooms. Big yard and big trees. Sold as a handyman project.

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Feature Property**Feature Property****NEW LISTING**

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Over 1140 sq.ft., brand new construction in a peaceful living subdivision. Great space throughout. 5 Year Home Warranty Package.

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No Condo fees. 4 bedroom unit with parking in the back with room to build a garage.

Market Watch

Recent positive signs indicate that the bottom is near, or here! What does this mean? Today we see activity with **buyers calling and sellers optimistic** for future growth. With interest rates the lowest we have seen in years, it is a great time to buy. Call our office for a recent list of investment opportunities or for a **FREE MARKET EVALUATION**.

**QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP**

\$299,900

1236 sq.ft., 3 bedrooms, fireplace, ceramic tile and hardwood, backing onto green space.

**WALK-OUT BUNGALOW**

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1235 sq.ft., 3 bdrm, walk-out bungalow backing onto Valaross Pond. Experience the country feel of this new subdivision in Didsbury.

**QUIET CUL DE SAC**

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4 bdrms, 1108 sq.ft., 2 bathrooms & fully finished brmt. Deck, shed, nicely landscaped lot with double attached garage. Close to Didsbury High School.

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Hardwood, tile and carpet. 2 bdrms up and 2 down. Open design with attractive, roomy entryway. Double attached garage plus rear deck.

**BEAUTIFUL ACREAGE**

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15.2 acres, 1305 sq.ft. home renovated to include hardwood, new appliances and a fresh coat of paint. Included is a barn, Quonset and other outbuildings and sheds.

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\$429,000

1987 sq.ft., open design, large bonus room, main floor laundry, soaker tub, 3 large bdrms, roughed-in bath in brmt.

**SOLD**

\$479,000

2. Bedrooms up, and 2. down, fully finished basement, vaulted ceilings, walk up basement.

**EAGLE HILL ROLLING HILLS**

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20 acres of beauty with 2 storey house, barn, double detached garage and 2 Quonsets. With enough corals to host lots of livestock and oil lease to boot.

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